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In re Application of Wolfgang von Deyn, et al Application No. 09/091,300 Filed: June 16, 1998 Attorney Docket No. 47679

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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.313(b), filed May 11, 2001, which is being construed as a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2), filed April 18, 2001, to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is GRANTED.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on December 18, 2000 in the above-identified application cannot be refunded. If, however, the above-identified application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-9220.

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center 1600 for further processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and for appropriate action on the request for interference embodied in the petition of May 11, 2001.

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